IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006 1372A

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METHOD OF PREVENTING ELUTION OF NICKEL FROM WETTED INSTRUMENT OF COPPER ALLOY, PROTECTIVE FILM FORMATION AGENT FOR PREVENTING ELUTION OF NICKEL AND DETERGENT FOR PREVENTING ELUTION OF NICKEL

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated December 7, 2010, the period for response having been extended for one-month, please amend the present application as follows: